

Today's
Advertisements.THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALLUnder the direction of Mr. ROBERT BROUGH,
Representative—Mr. HAMILTON.THIS EVENING,
(MONDAY), the 21st March, 1898,
Commencing at 8 P.M.LAST TEN NIGHTS
OF THE
BROUGH COMEDY COMPANY.

THIS EVENING at 9.

"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING
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EARNEST"

By O'CAR WILDE.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY,
22nd and 23rd March.

"THE SECOND MRS. TANQUERAY"

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By A. W. PINERO.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY,
24th and 25th March.

"THE PASSPORT"

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An Original Farce from the
PENNSYLVANIA, by B. C. STE-
PHENSON and W. YARLEY. Adapted
from Colonel Savage's Celebrated
Novel "My Official Wife."PRICES OF ADMISSION.
DRESS CIRCLE and ORCHESTRA STALLS 3s
STALLS 2s
PIT 1sSoldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price
to the Pit only.Doors open 8.15 P.M. Curtain 9 P.M.
Box Plan now open at the ROBINSON Piano
Co's Warehouse, where seats can be booked
(and the Tickets obtained) six nights in advance.
A Late Train for the Pit will leave every
evening fifteen minutes after the termination
of the performance.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1898. [320]DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.
The Company's Chartered Steamship"NANYANG,"
Captain Lehmann, will be despatched for the
above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd inst.,
at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1898. [415]

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.
FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship

"CHAZEE,"
Captain Bailey will be despatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 26th March.

S.S. "LENNOX" about 16th April.

S.S. "PANTHER" about 23rd April.

S.S. "ENERGIA" about 5th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st March 1898. [63]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
PERANG, LADY, CONTINENTAL AND
AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship

"THAMES,"
Captain S. Barcham, carrying Her Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this for
BOMBAY, etc., on SATURDAY the 2nd April,
at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the
above Ports.Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and
Tea for London (under arrangement) will be
transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceed-
ing direct to Marseilles and London.Parcels will be received at this Office until 4
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills
of Lading.For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1898. [5]

FOR SYDNEY VIA THURSDAY ISLAND
AND TOWNSVILLE.

THE Steamship

"JACOB CHRISTENSEN,"
will be despatched for the above ports on or
about the 5th, proximo.For freight, apply to
Geo. R. STEVENS,
Agent.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1898. [416]

HEAD OFFICE
AND
MANUFACTORY.The Loh Lane,
Wanchai, Bowington.SPECIAL PAINT
Without Competition.ORDINARY CEMENT—For Buildings
of Stone, Brick and Plaster of Lime, Cement,
etc., etc.CEMENT OIL PAINT, No. 1—Advan-
tagedously used for all Metallic Works,
steams, etc., etc.CEMENT OIL PAINT, No. 2—Made
with unchangeable Colors, for all applica-
tions.CEMENT OIL—For protecting Wood
from White Ants, Dampness, etc., etc.BABBETTO & Co.,
Agents for CHINA and JAPAN.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1897. [29]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSENGERS and
other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30]

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London
House, bought direct at first hand, imported in
wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all
intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply
the best goods at MODERATE PRICES.PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on
Application.PORT after removal should be rested a month
before use. When required for drinking at
once it should be ordered to be decanted at
the Dispensary before being sent out.SHERRY—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are
true Xeres Wines.CLARET—Our Claret, including the lowest
priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are
not artificially made from raisins and
currants, as is generally the case with Cheap
Wines.BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to
be pure Cognac, the difference in price
being merely a question of age and vintage.WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brand
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to
be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY
Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [7]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1898.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE SOUDAN.

LONDON, March 18th.

The Egyptian position at Khartoum is improv-
ing. The Sirdar inspected the whole Army
in battle array yesterday. The troops are in
splendid condition. In the meanwhile the
Derwishes are advancing steadily in battle for-
mation Northward.

RUSSIA IN CHINA.

Mr. Carson stated in the House that the
Government has no knowledge of any special
privilege having been accorded to Russia at
Port Arthur.

THE "MAINE" DISASTER.

The United States report on the *Maine*
catastrophe is expected to-day but President
McKinley has determined to keep it secret until
he can see it opportune to publish it.It is semi-officially intimated that Spain
repudiates the theory of the explosion having
been externally caused.

QUARANTINE AT SAIGON.

Messrs. Lumke, Rogge & Co. in form us that
they are in receipt of a telegram from Messrs.
W. G. Hale & Co. notifying that nine days'
quarantine including passage is being enforced
at Saigon on all arrivals from Hongkong.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.65 per £.

H.M.S. *Humber* arrived here from Shanghai
to-day."The Importance of Being in Earnest" at the
Theatre Royal at 9 o'clock this evening.Messrs. Deacon & Hastings inform us, but too
late for the amendment of the advertisement,
that Section F has now been added to the land
to be sold at auction on the Reclamation at
Wednesday, 26th March.It is notified that telegraphic communication
between Bolasao and Manila is restored, but
there is at present "some delay" in traffic.One of Mr. G. W. Playfair's coolies who annexed
\$350 belonging to his master and lost it at
gambling was to-day sent to gaol for six months.The returns of the number of visitors to the City
Hall Museum for the week ended March 20th
are:—Europeans, 215; Chinese, 2,733; total
2,948.One more exile has returned to the shores of
Hongkong: a banishment of five years had
been scored against him and he went into gaol
for twelve months to-day.A small boy, sent up for six months at the
police court to-day for their loss a record to be
proud of. He has been sentenced nine times
and three whippings figure against his name.The first gymnastics will be held on Saturday,
16th April (weather permitting). The programme
will be held out, and consists of six events, all
races, including a steeplechase.A RETURN cricket match between the Craigh-
gower Cricket Club and the Harmonic Cricket
Club was played at Happy Valley on Saturday
and resulted in a victory for the latter who made
93 runs as against 14 runs by the former.The semi-final tie in the Hongkong Challenge
Football Shield Competition was played on
Saturday at Happy Valley between teams from
H.M.S. *Centurion* and G Company, King's Own.
After a rather long game, the soldiers won by
6 goals to nil.At Saigon on the 3rd inst, fourteen houses were
destroyed by fire, in the Rue de Canton, the
principal business thoroughfare of the Chinese
quarter. The damage, estimated at \$150,000,
was almost entirely covered by insurance. The
newspaper complains that the fire brigade is
very inadequate.In consequence of the absence of the Hon. J.
H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary, the
following appointments, are notified to the *Gaz-
ette*:—Hon. T. Sturges Smith to be Acting
Colonial Secretary, Mr. A. M. Thomson to be
Acting Colonial Treasurer and Acting Collector
of Stamp Revenue in addition to his duties as
Post-master-General and Mr. A. W. Brewin to be
Acting Registrar-General in addition to his
duties as Inspector of Schools.Mr. Thomas Atkins need no longer grumble
that "they do these things better in France," for
they don't. The *Indo-Chinese* reports
that a soldier in the garrison at Yen-Bay, Tonkin,
reposed himself ill, and was declared by the
doctor to be perfectly well. Again he reported
himself ill, and was again certified quite healthy.
A third time he applied to be put in the hospital,
but was put in the cells for malingering. Then
he died. Whereupon it is said "Better let 'em
leaf 'em, than kill one real invalid." But that
sage decision does not restore Private Barriere
to life.An unrecorded incident occurred on the
morning of February 3rd at the *Edison* Evening
News Office. A pig, escaping from the
slaughterer's hands, got through a coal bunker
of a first-class, and dashing into the engine-
room got caught in the rope race. It was
killed, and the fly-wheel became
wedged so that it could not move. It took two
hours to calculate the dead animal and get the
engine in motion again. We have often heard
of a bull in a China-shop, but never of a pig in
a printing-house. We once knew, however, a
newspaper that had an office gaw.KING Oscar of Sweden, at the annual banquet
of the Swedish Press Club, replied to an address
of welcome, and dwelt upon the priceless
privileges possessed by the country which, like
their own, is protected by a long period of peace
to carry out its development on the basis of con-
stitutional freedom. "Such a people," said the
King, "is worthy to have a free Press, and is
able to make use of its many-sided powers with-
out fear of possible abuses. I cherish the wish
that, in its efficiency, the Swedish Press may
ever show itself worthy of the people and I
heartily thank you for your friendly invitation to-
day."The *Tatsumi Nippo*, dated 6th March, gives
some valuable statistics concerning cases of
Malaria among the civil officers of the island of
Formosa. According to the percentage in the
different districts, Hoxin, which includes
Takew and the south part of Formosa, heads
the list of malarial cases, the proportion being
the largest in the island, viz. 21.84 per cent.
of the official staff. Tachou, the centre of the
island, comes next to Hoxin, with a sick-list of
20.72 per cent. of the staff. Tachou, which
includes Anping, shows only 11.92 per cent. The
proportion of those under the table, "in good
health," in the prefecture of Hoxin is 67.18 per
cent., the lowest in the island, while Tachou
ranks as the healthiest district, with a percentage
of 80.16.A VERY long report by the Rev. R. F. Col-
bold, M. A., and Rev. T. W. Pearce the exami-
ners appointed by the Governing Body of Queen's
College, is published in the *Gazette*. The con-
cluded paragraph of the report is as follows:—
In the above remarks, we have tried to make
a fair criticism of the work as it was presented
to us and if we have been obliged to censure
some of the work we would not have it forgotten
that there is much which we have praised. In
almost all cases the work of many boys was
divinely satisfactory and we are of opinion that
there has been a general improvement in most
subjects during the past two years. We strongly
recommend the increased study of the English
language and as far as possible under English
masters. Believing that the large number of admi-
sions during the past year has been chiefly due to
an increasing desire on the part of the Chinese to
receive an English education, we trust that the
College will be fully able to meet this demand.THERE was a row out in the West Terrace
yesterday and when an Indian constable called in
to act as peace maker Chan Kam landed him
on the jaw with a piece granite of "shable"
proportions. Chan won't have a chance to take
a hand in a spread for the next 28 days.The suit Cheng Sing Tong v. Ho Fung Sing
was before His Lordship the Chief Justice in
Summary Jurisdiction on Saturday. Mr. J. F.
Reece appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. J. J.
Francis, Q.C. (instructed by Mr. C. Ewen), for
the defendant. After hearing argument his
Lordship dismissed the suit with costs.FRENCH papers state that Police Henry of
Pessala had a long and friendly chat with the
French Admiral Beaumont at Singapore, where
they were both buying coal. The Police is re-
ported to have said "We shall meet again in
Chinese waters, to combine in the good cause." It
is not stated what the "good cause" is, but
Hongkong Dock shares are going up.THE BROUGH COMEDY
COMPANY."Niobe" was again presented on Saturday
night by the Brough Comedy Company and
judging from the applause could very well be
given for a week to come.There was a crowded house. Each member in
the Company seemed to be in thorough form and
fun rolled out in a continuous stream.The greatest of praise is due to the manage-
ment for the variety of pieces given and the
Hongkong public will miss the amusement when
the time of departure arrives. There is another
change of programme to-night when "The
Importance of Being in Earnest" will be given.It is one of the very finest gems of modern
comedy.The City Hall Committee would confer a
great boon on the public by covering the bare
planks of the corridor floors with something to
deaden the noise of people walking. Every
evening, the first part of the performance is
insupportable.

THE PHILIPPINE REBELLION.

THE OFFICIAL VERSION.

The Manila *Diario* of March 17th gives some
details of a rising in Zamboanga province, which
stretches along the west coast of Luzon from
Bolinao to Manila Bay. From this it appears
that a native named Gabino had gathered a
large number of malcontents about him. For a
time the Gabinists had kept their organization
secret. It was apparently a semi-religious
society, and Gabino was regarded as a super-
natural being, a heaven-sent uncrowned king,
destined to drive out the priests of the hated
Catholic religion. Fortunately, says the *Diario*,
the fanatical movement was discovered by the
authorities, who found the dangerous doctrines
spreading and being propagated in various pro-
vinces of the Philippines, until prompt measures
were taken to suppress the sedition and put the
leader in prison. He was shot at Apalit on the
17th March, in presence of a large crowd of his
superstitious followers, and General Monto was
given the most stringent orders and the fullest
powers to inflict summary and severe punish-
ment wholesale throughout the disaffected pro-
vinces, which, it is added, were perfectly peace-
ful during the recent insurrection of the Tagalos
in various parts of Luzon. On the 17th the
Diario stated that the telegraph lines were being
restored, but it is now the 21st and communica-
tion is still interrupted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by
Correspondents in this column.)HOW SHIPPING BUSINESS IS MANAGED
IN MANILA.To the Editor of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
Sir,—The German Brig *Bylgia*, while on
a voyage from Singapore to Shanghai, laden
with hard wood, encountered heavy weather to
the north of Luzon, and owing to the tem-
pestuous weather the vessel became so leaky
that she had to run back for Manila, where she
was anchored on the 1st of December last, and
about the same time the Captain, knowing
that he had to discharge cargo, engaged as his
stevedore a certain Mr. Smith-Allison formerly
of Hongkong. This Mr. Allison after taking
fully two months to discharge the cargo of the
Bylgia on completion of the same, sent in a bill
for \$1,073, this being, he said, the cost of
discharging the cargo. Naturally, the Captain
objected to pay such a large amount for dis-
charging the cargo of such a small vessel, and
after some conversation offered the Stevedore
\$250. This, however, the Stevedore
would not accept, and although Mr.
Allison about 11 a.m. on the forenoon of
the 10th Feb. agreed to arbitrate the question, at
3 p.m. of the same day the Captain received a
letter from Mr. Allison stating that he had
put the matter into the hands of his solicitors.
At the same time the Captain received a letter
from the Acting Agent of the Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank stating that by order an embargo
had been placed on all the money he then had
lying on deposit then being some \$2,700.On Monday, the 21st Feb., at 11 a.m., the
Captain received a further communication from
the Acting Agent of the Hongkong and Shanghai
Bank stating that the embargo had been limited
to a certain amount.In the afternoon of the same day the Captain
after considering the matter and the fact that he
was ignorant of the Spanish law, arranged with
Mr. Allison to pay him the amount of his bill
rather than remain in Manila to incur loss of
time and probably legal expenses.Accordingly at about 2 p.m. the Captain set-
tled with Mr. Allison, paying the bill in full.
Notwithstanding this and in spite of the fact
that the embargo must have been arranged and
put on in less than an hour, the money due to
the Captain, that is still lying on deposit in the
Bank, is yet under embargo, and the only
guarantee the Captain now has that he will get
it is a note from the Acting Agent of the Hong-
kong and Shanghai Bank to the effect that
when the embargo is removed he, the Acting
Agent for the Bank, will write to Hongkong in-
structing the Bank to release the amount
still held by the Bank to the Captain.When the Captain had been about one week
in Hongkong the amount due was wired to
Hongkong less about \$100, which as a lever
letter explained had been used as Court Fees,
although the case had been settled without
coming into court.Yours Sincerely,
S. H. AND C. H.

Amoy, 15th March, 1898.

CHINA AND MANILA S. S. CO.,
LIMITED.The 25th ordinary general meeting of share-
holders in the above Company was held at the
office of the General Manager, Messrs. Shaw,
Tomes & Co., No. 9, Praya Central at 11 a.m. to-
day. The Chair was occupied by Mr. R.
Shaw and there were also present Messrs.
N. A. Sieb, Fung Yung Wai, J. H. Lewis, J. H.
Cox, Karberg (Secretary), and A. Babington.The Chairman said—Gentlemen:—The Re-
port and Accounts having been issued some time
ago I will with your permission dispense with
reading them now. We are glad to come before
you again with a satisfactory statement of the
year's business the more satisfactory as the great
increase in the price of coal which has taken
place since we last met has swelled our working
expenses considerably. Depreciation which
goes on whether we work at a profit or a loss
has been allowed for as before, and after putting
a substantial sum aside as Reserve we are able
to recommend a dividend of 15 per cent. as against
10 per cent. this time last year. Turning to the
Accounts there is nothing in them I think that
needs explaining but I am pleased to say that
after giving up the item of \$733.39 as a bad job
we have at the last moment succeeded in re-
covering some \$600.00 of it and here I
might remark that considering we have
always from \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00 out-
standing in uncollected freights it speaks
well for our supporters that we have so
little bad debt. The different sums making up
the item of sundry Creditors and sundry Debit-
ors are now all practically wiped off. Our
surplus funds are all invested as you see and
bring in a good return. As for this year our
earnings so far are quite satisfactory although
we are threatened with a renewal of political
troubles in the Philippines, and I fear with the
example of Singapore before us that our old
enemy quarantine is not far off. However we
have faced these difficulties before and overcome
them and I have no doubt we shall do so again.
Before proceeding to move the adoption of the
Report and Accounts I shall be glad to answer to
the best of ability any questions you may wish
to ask.There were no questions and the Chairman
said I now move that the Report and Accounts
as presented be adopted and passed.Seconded by Mr. A. Babington and carried
unanimously.The Chairman: The next business is the elec-
tion of the Consulting Committee.Proposed by Mr. J. H. Cox and seconded by
Mr. Fung Yung Wai that Messrs. Gilles, Sieb,
Lewis and Karberg be elected the Consulting
Committee for the current year.Proposed by Mr. Sieb that Messrs. J. H. Cox,
and T. Arnold be elected Auditors for the
current year.

Seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried.

The Chairman: That concludes the business,
gentlemen; dividend warrants will be ready to-
morrow.THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.An extraordinary general meeting of share-
holders in the above Company was held at the
office, No. 9, Praya Central to-day to
confirm certain resolutions passed at a
meeting of the Company held on the 28th ulto.
Mr. N. A. Sieb presided, and there were also
present Messrs. H. L. Dalrymple, C. S. Sharp,
C. Beermann, D. Gabbay and A. Haupt (direc-
tors), J. B. Comptons (secretary), Hon. Wei A
Yek, Messrs. G. L. Tomlin, Chan Pat A. Ross,
J. H. Cox, D. R. Crawford and J. M. S. Alves.The Chairman said—The only business before
us is the confirmation of certain resolutions
passed at the extraordinary meeting of share-
holders held on the 28th ulto. I need not take
up your time further than to say that your direc-
tors are still in favour of a single expression of
opinion adverse to the changes introduced by
these resolutions which I now proceed to read.
The Chairman then moved the resolution stand-
ing in his name.That Articles Nos. 53 and 122 of the Articles
of Association of the Company be altered by
deleting therefrom the words "February"
and substituting therefor the word "March."That Article No. 7 be altered by inserting the
words "or Extra Reserve Fund" immediately
after the word "Fund" in the sixth line of the
said Article, and the words "and Extra Reserve
Fund" immediately after the word "Fund" in
the seventh line of the said Article.That Article No. 121 be altered by inserting the
words "and subject to the provisions of
Articles 121A and 121B" immediately after the
word "fund" and before the word "be" in the
fourth line of such Article.That the following Articles be inserted imme-
diately after Article No. 121, and be num-
bered Articles 121A and 121B:—121A.—"Although the Reserve Fund may
amount to the sum of One Million Dollars the
Directors may nevertheless at their discretion
from time to time appropriate a portion of the
net income and profits earned by the Company
in any one year to the formation of an additional
Reserve Fund, to be called 'Extra Reserve
Fund.'"121B.—"The monies standing at the credit of
the Extra Reserve Fund may be applicable for
the equalization of dividends, and such monies
or some portion thereof may, whenever the
Directors shall think fit be appropriated towards
the equalization of dividends."Mr. J. H. Cox seconded the resolution, which
was carried, and the meeting closed.

THE LATE MR. A. FULTHAM.

Omd. Hastings, R. N., this afternoon began
an enquiry into the death of Alfred Fultham,
wardmaster at the Government Civil Hospital.Dr. Atkinson deposed to having been called to
the quarters of deceased where he found him
lying dead on a sofa. Deceased had been
three years in the Hospital, and had
formerly been in the A. M. S. C. He had
always done his duty satisfactorily and was
in no monetary difficulties that witness knew of.
The stomach and contents were sent to the
Government Analyst. Deceased was of tem-
perate habits and had been acting as Dispenser
for the last 18 months. He had been in the
Dispensary in the A. M. S. C.A Chinese boy employed by deceased gave
evidence as to finding his master dead on the
couch.Mr. Chapman steward of the hospital, said he
was called to see deceased and in his right hand
he was holding a partly smoked cigarette.Mr. H. E. Clough, manager of the New Club,
deposed that he had known deceased for 8

perce, Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama, Hilo, &c. New vessels, of the so-called A. class, will be employed on this line, with a burden of more than eight thousand tons, and a speed of about 12 knots. It is proposed to run faster and yet larger passenger steamers as soon as this necessity is recognized, through the course of events in Eastern Asia. The departure from Hamburg will take place on the 25th of every month; and the new service will be opened on January 25th by the steam ship *Andalusia*, Captain Schoeder.

I have &c,
(Signed) FRANK C. LASCARLES
The Marquess of Salisbury, K. C. &c. &c. &c.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1898.
Sir—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant in relation to the French Mail, to have only letters delivered in the first instance, newspaper and other printed matter being left to be dealt with later.

Commercial firms would in that case have over one hour extra to spare on each occasion in dealing with their forward correspondence. I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) A. M. THOMPSON,
Postmaster General,
The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1898.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 14th instant inquiring whether this Chamber consider it would be a convenience, in the case of the French Mail, to have only letters delivered in the first instance, newspaper and other printed matter being left to be dealt with later.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
R. CHATTEWORTH WILCOX,
Secretary.

To A. W. Thomson, Esq., Postmaster General.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1898.
Dear Sir,—On the 17th inst. in consequence of the receipt of information to the effect that the Government of the Straits Settlements had declared Hongkong an infected port and that nine days' quarantine counting from the date of departure has been imposed upon vessels arriving at Singapore from this Colony, the following telegram was despatched to you by the Chamber of Commerce, Singapore:

"Hongkong Chamber strongly protest against quarantine Hongkong. Plague merely sporadic cases decreasing. Request your Chamber urge Government rescind."

My Committee being of opinion that the Government of the Straits Settlements have acted in this matter upon a misconception of the facts. Bubonic plague is not and has not been this year epidemic in the Colony, as will be seen by the following figures taken from the return issued by the Sanitary Board showing the number of cases and of deaths reported from the 1st January last to the end of last week:—

Week end.	Cases.	Deaths.
1st January	Nil	Nil
8th "	Nil	Nil
15th "	Nil	Nil
22nd "	2	2
29th "	5	4
5th February	5	5
12th "	5	5
19th "	9	6
26th "	46	43
5th March	22	17
12th "	16	13

or a total of 100 cases and 93 deaths. The period during which the cases rose to 46 was the week when the Annual Races were held, on which occasion there was a large influx of visitors from China, who are believed to have brought the disease with them. Since then it is noticeable how rapidly the number of cases has declined, and it is reasonable to expect within a very short time they will become a negligible quantity.

My Committee therefore felt justified in asking your Chamber to take up the question, and, in the light of the above facts, to urge the Straits Government to remove the quarantine declared against vessels with Chinese passengers arriving from Hongkong, which not only causes delay to the general trade but has a tendency to direct the native passenger traffic into other than the accustomed channels.

I have now to thank you for your reply to my telegram, which arrived last night. The tenor of that message was regarded by my Committee with much regret, but they trust your Government will soon see good reason to modify their opinion as to the danger of infection, and will withdraw the quarantine now enforced.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
R. M. CHATTEWORTH WILCOX,
Chairman.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1898.
Sir, I have the honour to forward herewith, for the information of His Excellency the Acting Governor, copy of a letter addressed to this Chamber by the principle shipping firms and agencies in this Colony, protesting against the action of the Government of the Straits Settlements in imposing nine days' quarantine counting from the date of departure, on vessels arriving at Singapore hence.

This Chamber fully endorse the protest against the action of the Singapore Authorities, which is unwarranted by the sporadic character of the outbreak, and the fact that the cases are declining. My Committee trust that His Excellency the Acting Governor will vigorously protest against the practice at Singapore of resorting to restrictive measures against this port before any real necessity arises, by disease becoming epidemic, to the serious detriment of the trade and loss to the shipping interests.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
R. CHATTEWORTH WILCOX,
Secretary.

To Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1898.
R. C. WILCOX, Esq.,
Secretary.

Hongkong Chamber of Commerce,
Dear Sir,—On the 17th instant it was announced in the local press that "An official telegram has been received from Singapore stating that Hongkong has been declared an infected port, and that nine days' quarantine counting from the date of departure has been imposed upon vessels arriving at Singapore from Hongkong." Private telegrams received from Singapore, since this announcement was made, explain that vessels not carrying Chinese passengers will be admitted to pratique if the medical inspection held, on arrival, is satisfactory.

That the Straits Government should take proper precautions to safeguard Singapore from a visitation of the plague is only reasonable and right, and, provided the preventive measures

adopted were fully justified, it will be readily acknowledged that in the restrictions they are enforcing to protect the port a very laudable desire is manifested to minimize the inconvenience and loss caused to shipping and trade generally as much as possible.

We would, however, point out that the plague as it exists in this Colony at the present moment is merely sporadic and has certainly not reached a stage to justify the decision of the Straits Government in declaring Hongkong an infected port. In support of this contention we now beg to enclose an Official Return of the year to the 11th instant, the date in which the telegraphic notification was received. From this return it will be seen that the total number of cases to that date amounted to 107, say an average of 1.51 per diem. This total is compared to the Chinese population of Hongkong, which according to the census taken last year is approximately 240,000, the proportion is infinitesimal; in fact it is not until we analyze the Return that we can even hazard a conjecture as to the reason which decided the Straits Government to adopt such a strong measure as to impose quarantine on arrivals from this port.

According to the Return the total number of cases up to the 11th February amounted to only 16. For the week ending 19th February cases were recorded, then for the week ending 26th February the total jumped to 46, and it may be assumed it was on account of this increase that the Straits Government became alarmed. The reason, however, for this sudden augmentation is not far to seek. The Races occurred during the week, in question, when it will be remembered that unusually large numbers of Chinese poured to the Colony from Canton. During the ensuing week the number of cases declined to 22, and since then there has been a further decrease. Thus, we see that the sudden increase for the week in view of the reforms which have been effected in the Sanitary arrangements and regulations, that Hongkong for the future may have immunity from plague in epidemic form, but it is to be feared that sporadic cases will continue to occur at this season of the year, for at least, some time to come, and the question arises whether the imposition of quarantine on arrivals from the Colony is to be of annual recurrence?

Under these circumstances we would, therefore, ask the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce to represent to His Excellency the Acting Governor the importance, as a matter of principle, of protesting vigorously against any quarantine restrictions being imposed at Singapore on arrivals from this Colony now and hereafter, unless, of course there should be ample reason for it, and also to request the Chamber at Singapore to co-operate with them in urging on the Governor of the Straits Settlements the desirability of removing the quarantine.

However much consideration may be shown in formulating quarantine regulations, that must necessarily injure the interests of this Colony, and the fact that passengers are deterred from taking Native Service with them is, in itself, a very serious inconvenience to families who are travelling, but the real mischief lies in the fact that other ports, finding the nearest British Colony considers it necessary to impose quarantine on arrivals from Hongkong will naturally follow the example set them, and are not unlikely to enforce restrictions far more onerous and detrimental to trade.

In the face of the facts set forth above, we hardly see how the Straits Government can reasonably persist in their present action.

We are, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent,
P. & O. S. N. Co.
G. de Champeaux,
Agent, M. M.
Melchers & Co.,
Agents,
Norddeutscher Lloyd,
Butterfield & Swire,
Agents,
O. S. S. Co.
C. N. Co.
O. S. S. Co.
David Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Bradley & Co.
Agents, Shan Line.
Stemson & Co.
Arnold, Wise & Co.
Holmday, Karberg & Co.
Y. Shigaki.
Agent, Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Cassell & Co.
Sander, Weller & Co.
Agents, Australian Lloyds.
Gibbs, Livingston & Co.
Agents, Ben Line of steamers.
Dodwell, Carill & Co.
General Agents, Northern Pacific S. Co.
Agents, Moggi and Warrack Line steamers.
Shewan, Tomes & Co.
Agents,
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.
Shire Line.
New York Line.
Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Since the above letter was written a telegram from Japan has been published in the Hongkong Daily Press stating that the Chamber of Commerce there does not favour the removal of quarantine against arrivals from Hongkong. It is, however, probable that the committee of the Chamber had not sufficient data to enable them to judge the position rightly, and it is to be hoped on receipt of the actual facts they will consider their decision.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1898.
Sir,—The attention of my Committee has been attracted by a statement in the local journals to the effect that H. E. Baron von Hockling, Minister Plenipotentiary for Germany at Peking, has induced the Transatlantic to alter the regulations affecting Transatlantic, and that future imported goods, Transatlantic, and that regulations for the new mode of inland transit have been drawn up by Sir Robert Hart. This is a matter of so much importance to the trade in imports that my Committee are naturally desirous of obtaining early information on the subject, and I shall therefore esteem it a favour if you will be good enough to say whether you have received any intimation of such a change.

In reference to the question of the declaration of Hongkong as an infected port, which I had the honour to address you on the 6th September last, my Committee would be pleased to learn how far this matter has progressed, and whether the provincial officials have supplied the desired information. I have further to inquire whether any satisfactory explanation of Mr. Watt's case has been received from the Viceroy, to whom you informed post that he had referred the complaint of the conduct of the French Consul.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
R. M. CHATTEWORTH WILCOX,
Chairman.

Byron Brown, Esq., C.M.G., H.B. M.'s Consul,
Canton.

Canton, 18th March, 1898.
H. B. M.'s Consul.
Sir, In reply to your letter of yesterday regarding the sale of goods of foreign goods under

transit pass, although I have as yet no official information on the subject, I am able to state that a modification of the existing rule will come into force immediately; and under the new regulations it will be permitted to sell goods en route before they reach the destination mentioned in the covering transit pass. Should a portion of the Merchandise be thus sold en route it will be necessary for the owner to make a declaration to that effect at the next barrier encountered and have the quantity sold endorsed on the transit pass.

I consider this modification of the transit-pass regulations to be of great value; not only to a merchant, but also to the Chinese population, as it presents a market when a more profitable one presents itself at hand, but because under the new rule it will be more difficult for the local officials to arrange their plans for recovering the charges which the transit pass has enabled the goods to escape on the journey.

As regards the interference on the part of the French Consul Magistrate with the sale of coal to Mr. Watt, I am as yet without any explanation from the Viceroy. I have several times requested him to call in the French Consul Magistrate for a report, and in replying to me on the last occasion the Viceroy, stated that he had directed the Magistrate to submit an explanation within three days of the receipt of his instructions.

On the subject of the *Shih* I shall write in a separate letter.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
(Signed) BYRON BROWN,
Consul.

The Chairman, The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong.

H. B. M.'s Consul,
Canton, 18th March, 1898.
Sir,—It will be of interest to your Chamber to learn that the Viceroy of the two Kwang Provinces has abolished the syndicate which farmed the collection of *Shih* tax on Kowloon ships. The Viceroy's order states that this is done by direction of Tuenchi Yang, and that in future the collection of the *Shih* (navigation) tax must be controlled by Government officials.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) BYRON BROWN,
The Chairman, The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

OUR NEW GOVERNOR.

I see that Sir Henry Blake is spending a few weeks in England before taking up his very responsible duties in Hongkong. He will find the Far East very different from the West Indies and it will be interesting to see how for the man who has been admirably successful in such a peculiar place as Jamaica, will succeed in the extremely composite world of Hongkong. Sir Henry Blake may safely count himself a child of fortune. He is one of those Irishmen who have "not on"; in fact, his career strongly recalls that of Anthony Trollope's delightful hero Phineas Finn. After a comparatively uneventful career in the Irish Constabulary, he married at the age of thirty-four, his second wife, the eldest daughter of the millionaire, Bernal Carnarvon, and so became suddenly connected with many notable people, including the Duke of St. Albans.

When the marriage took place, the lady's friends were fond of saying that "she had married a politician." But Sir Henry's career showed that he could profit by his opportunities, at a time when most men are beginning to think of the day in which they will take a rest from work. He turned his mind to official Colonial life, and during the last thirteen years he has represented his Queen and country in spheres as different as the Bahamas, Newfoundland, Queensland and Jamaica. It may be added, that Sir Henry has a very pretty literary wit, as the shown even in his adoption of so racy a *mon de plume* as "Terence McGrath"—*The Critic*.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AS A MODEL.

Despite the revelations made in the Mordaunt divorce case and the buccar scandal of the Prince of Wales, according to an American paper, possesses many of the attributes of a good citizen, and since he sets the fashion for so many Americans of means and manners, it will be well to direct attention to some of these good qualities in the hope that he may be imitated in them as well as in others not so excellent or so servicable to the general welfare.

To begin with, the Prince is a strict supporter of home industries. He does not go abroad for anything made at home, nor patronize foreign merchants when home merchants keep the same goods. He carries this principle to the degree of purchasing all the supplies for his Sandringham home from the shopkeepers of that town instead of sending to London for them, making it an absolute rule, we are told, that all orders about Sandringham shall be given to residents of the place in preference to employing or bringing in outsiders.

Secondly, the Prince pays his way. He accepts no free passes from either railroads or steamships. His travelling expenses are heavy. He has to go up and down the country, laying foundation stones, opening public buildings, patronizing charity bazaar and attending festivals and ceremonies of one kind or another almost continually. On all occasions, however, he pays his way and accepts nothing to the way of expenses either from the railways over which he rides or from the committees that have invited his presence.

Again, the Prince pays his taxes and pays them promptly without seeking a reduction. His residence in London is not exempt as a royal palace, but is assessed as a private house, and he pays his parish taxes of \$5000 a year like a good citizen and never attends mass meetings or signs remonstrances of protest against local tax rates.

The Prince, moreover, observes the Sabbath day and respects his mother. Once while in Paris he was invited by the President Longchamps on Sunday. It was to be an occasion of state and all the dignitaries of the capital were to be present. The Prince desired to go out of courtesy to his hosts and the French people, on the principle that when one is in Paris he should do as the Parisians do. He did not venture, however, to act on his own judgement, but sent a telegram to London and asked his good old royal mother what he should do. She told him to go to church, and he went to church.

THE CONDITION OF H. M. S. "POWERFUL."

The *Times* of Ceylon says: If what we hear of H.M.S. *Powerful* is true, she would not appear to be of very much use on the China station, and the sooner she is sent home to get a new set of engines the better. It will be remembered that she came into Colombo with her starboard engines only working, as these on the side had broken down. When Messrs. Walker & Sons overhauled them they found the break-down was much more serious than was generally thought to be the case, and the huge vessel had to stop in the harbour to have it repaired. After leaving Colombo, we hear from a letter that has been received to Colombo from one of the officers, several minor mishaps occurred, and then there was another breakdown of the port engines which took a long time to repair. Her machinery is still repaired to be very unreliable, and a very serious comment has been made in the home papers about it. When she arrived at Colombo the reason given as to why she took so long over the journey was long stopped, but it was not stated that these were occasioned through defective machinery. In a subsequent issue the same paper says: Messrs. Walker Sons and Company ask us to contradict the statement made in our issue of the 2nd inst., that they overhauled the engines of the *Powerful*. Messrs. Walker repaired a small auxiliary one, but did not overhaul the main engine, this work being done by the ship's engineer.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

ANNUAL CARBINE COMPETITION.
The scores in the above competition are as follows:
Maxim Corps championship—Sergeant Lamme 89, Sergeant Smith 88, Corporal Skelton 81; Sergeant Shepherd 79; G. Hornby 71.
Field Battery—Gr. Gilchrist 89, S. M. Duncan 88, Corporal Brown 84, Gr. Wilkinson 84, Gr. Swanson 84, Lieut. Slade 84, Gr. Gow 83, Gr. Deas 83, Gr. Donaldson 83, Q. M. S. Walling 83, Mr. Nobbs 83, Gr. Sayer 83, Lieut. McDonald 82, Gr. Colton 82.
Recruits only—Gr. Baker 80, Gr. Aiken 72, Gr. Plinton 69, G. A. Humphreys 69, Gr. Toller 61, Gr. Moore 56.
Members of 15 and only:
Maxim Battery:
Dr. Corbett 89
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Sergeant Dr. Hayward 71
Signalers and Trumpeters only:
Tr. Plinton 21
Interco. 25 Challenge Cup.
Field Battery:
Gr. Stewart 91
Corp. Rutter 90
Sergeant Hayward 90
Gr. Gow 83
Lieutenant McDonald 81
Capt. Chapman 81
Corp. Brown 78
S. M. Duncan 78
Total 672
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Corp. Skelton 81
Sergeant Shepherd 79
G. Hornby 71
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Gr. Stewart 91
Corp. Rutter 90
Sergeant Hayward 90
Drummer Hart 84
Gr. Gilchrist 83
Gr. Gow 83
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Corp. Rutter 95
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Dr. Hart 89
Sergeant Lamme 89
Gr. Plinton 87
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LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.
CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.
(Before His Lordship Sir J. W. Carrington Kt., C.M.G., Chief Justice)
March 21st.

John Mohammed was today placed on trial, charged with having obtained \$260 from a countryman by means of false pretences. Hon. W. M. G. C. Attorney General (instructed by Mr. H. L. Denney, Crown Solicitor) prosecuted and Mr. E. Robinson appeared for the prisoner.

The jury was as follows:—Messrs. J. Barton, R. Hill, J. W. Osborne, M. G. Macrae, J. C. Faller, L. M. J. Alvarez, J. M. J. Gutierrez. After the complainant had given his evidence the case was adjourned till to-morrow morning.

QUEENSLAND, FAREWELL!

Queensland, thou art a land of pests! For flies and fleas one never rests! Even now mosquitoes round me revel, In fact, they are the very devil! Sandflies and hornets join as bad, They nearly drive the cattle mad! The scorpion and centipede, With stinging ants of every breed; Fever and ague with the shaker, Tarantulas and poisonous snakes; Iguanas, lizards, cockatoos, Bushrangers, logs, and jackaroos; Bandicoots and swarms of rats, Bull-dogs and native cats; Stunted timber, thirsty plains, Parched up deserts, flooding rains, There's rivers here you can't call ships on, There's niggers, huts, and wooden houses, And nigger men who won't waste (poor!) There's barbed wire and sandy blight, There's diseases howling all the night; There's curlew's wall and croaking frogs, There's savage blacks and native dogs, There's scintillating flowers and stinging trees, There's poison grass and Darling peas—Which drive the cattle mad and mad, Make sheep and horses just as bad, And then I never learn in reason, There's drought one year, and floods next season, Which sweep the squatters' sheep away, And then there is the devil to pay. To stay in these, oh, land of plagues, I would not give a single bridle, But bid thee now a long farewell, Thus something, something land of—

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

MARCH.
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations 1889.
Barometer 30.059
Thermometer 62.0
Humidity 85.0
Rainfall 4.08

TO-DAY.
WEATHER REPORT.
On date at 4 p.m. On date at 10 a.m.
Barometer 29.90 29.93
Thermometer 66 66
Humidity 80 78
Rainfall 0.01

TO-DAY.
Monday, 21st March, 1898.
(St. Benedict)
Chinese—23rd of 2nd moon of 24th year of Kwong-shi.

Jewish—27th Adar, 5658.
Mohammedan—27th Shawwal, 1315.
Sun—Rises 6hr. 0min.
Sets 6hr. 0min.
Moon—in Equator 8hr. 5min.
High water—Morning 8hr. 51min.
Afternoon 8hr. 18min.
Low water—Morning 8hr. 21min.
Afternoon 8hr. 54min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1814—The British ship *Sarah*, the first free trader, sailed from Whampoa.
1841—Chinese attack on the British fleet at Canton repelled.
1843—Solemn annexed to the British Empire.
1848—Abdication of the King of Hawaii.
1860—Kowloon ceded to the British.
1869—H.M.S. *Salomona* and H.M.S. *Opossum* left Hankow to explore the Yangtze.
1871—Princess Louise married.
1891—Loss of the s.s. *Queen Elizabeth*.
1897—Formal blockade of Cretia commenced.

TO-MORROW.

Tuesday, 22nd March, 1898.
Chinese—1st of 3rd moon of 24th year of Kwong-shi.
Jewish—28th Adar, 5658.
Mohammedan—28th Shawwal, 1315.
Sun—Rises 6hr. 59min.
Sets 6hr. 1min.
Moon—in Equator 8hr. 14min. 5 p.m.
High water—Morning 8hr. 15min.
Afternoon 8hr. 38min.
Low water—Morning 8hr. 19min.
Afternoon 8hr. 52min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1797—Emperor William I., of Germany, born.
1839—The surrender of Mr. Dent demanded by Commissioner Lin.
1841—The Canton batteries at 100 war junks destroyed by the British.
1850—The Orange Sovereignty separated from Cape Colony.
1879—Church of the Sacred Heart, Hongkong, opened.
1881—The Boers agreed to accept self-government under the sovereignty of Great Britain.
1885—Death, at Peking, of Sir Harry Parkes, H.B.M.'s Minister to China.
1897—Seoul-Chemulpo R.R. way commenced.

MEMORANDA.

TO-DAY, 21st March.
9 p.m.—Performance of "The Importance of Being Earnest" by the Brough Company.

TO-MORROW, 22nd March.
Noon—Meeting of Green Island Cement Co.
9 p.m.—Performance of "The Importance of Being Earnest" by the Brough Company.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:
Tacoma (Columbia) to-morrow.
Indian (Sutong) 23rd inst.
Canadian (Empress of China) 23rd inst.
Australian (Guthrie) 24th inst.
American (Guthrie) 26th inst.
French (Salomona) 27th inst.
Australian (Yamashiro Maru) 27th inst.
American (City of Peking) 31st inst.
American (Doric) 9th prox.
Tacoma (Tacoma) 11th prox.

THE P. & O. steamer *Ceylon*, from China, arrived in London on the morning of the 19th inst.

THE N. P. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Victoria* arrived at Tacoma from Hongkong and Japan on the 18th inst.

THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Yamashiro Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port on the 16th, and is expected to arrive here on the 27th inst.

We are informed by the Agent of the Messageries Maritimes Co. that the steamer *Salomona*, with the French mail, left Singapore for this port via Saigon at 11 a.m. yesterday, the 20th inst.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan*, arrived at Nagasaki at 7 a.m. to-day, the 21st, and left at 6 p.m. for Kobe, where she is expected to arrive at 10 p.m. to-morrow, the 22nd inst.

THE P. & O. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, etc., from San Francisco to the 3rd inst., has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, to-morrow morning, the 22nd inst.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of China*, arrived at Shanghai at 9.30 a.m. yesterday, the 20th, and left again at 8.30 p.m. for Hongkong, where she is expected to arrive at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, the 23rd inst.

SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 6 p.m. Saturday to 6 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.	FROM.
<i>Astrol</i>	Steamer, from Meji
<i>Hermes</i>	" " " " "
<i>Loongmoon</i>	" " " " "
<i>Wingwang</i>	" " " " "
<i>Nanyang</i>	" " " " "
<i>Isami Maru</i>	" " " " "
<i>P. C. Kiao</i>	" " " " "
<i>Old</i>	" " " " "
<i>Amara</i>	" " " " "
<i>Chong Choo</i>	" " " " "
<i>Pratichia</i>	" " " " "
<i>Kong Beng</i>	" " " " "
<i>Copack</i>	" " " " "
<i>Wong</i>	" " " " "
<i>Meifoo</i>	" " " " "
<i>Torondahild</i>	" " " " "
<i>Memnon</i>	" " " " "
<i>Wally</i>	" " " " "
<i>Kalgan</i>	" " " " "
<i>Shanghai</i>	" " " " "
<i>John Bayley</i>	" " " " "

DEPARTURES.

Ingabam	13	
Prosper	13	
Formosa	13	
Chow Fa	13	
Chusam	13	
Rh Mills	13	
Artel	13	
Domar	13	
Wingiang	13	
Loongmoon	13	
Amara	13	
Patrocher	13	
Omsang	13	
Gstils	13	
Spinkaway	13	schanoer
Allantite	13	baquo
Loikatr	13	

Intimations.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
IZUMI MARU	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for Java Ports), and COLOMBO.	TUESDAY, 22nd March, at Noon.
KANAGAWA MARU	Kobe and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 25th March, at 4 P.M.
*YAMASHIRO MARU	NAGASAKI, Kobe and YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 28th March, at 4 P.M.
TOKIO MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 1st April, at 4 P.M.
E. W. Haswell		

(Connecting at KOBE with S.S. YAMAGUCHI MARU sailing on the 5th April for SEATTLE, U.S.A.)

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1898.

ARE YOU LOSING FLESH?

This is one of the very first steps of disease. It is a warning note. You cannot afford to grow thin. Flesh is strength. If you lose it your blood becomes depleted, and Consumption, Scrofula, Anæmia, or some other wasting disease will follow.

Scott's Emulsion

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1898. [409]

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1898. [404]

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1898. [405]

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1898. [411]

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Captain Fey, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant, at 3 P.M.

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Hongkong, 17th March, 1898. [397]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

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Captain Dodd, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant, at 4 P.M.

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1898. [412]

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Hongkong, 16th March, 1898. [292]

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Captain Schreiner, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 24th instant.

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1898. [398]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [361]

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"DARDANUS,"

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Hongkong, 17th March, 1898. [403]

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Hongkong, 15th March, 1898. [372]

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